GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5189
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SHORTAGE OF STAFF IN CUSTOMS AND EXCISE DEPARTMENTS
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Department of Customs and Excise is facing shortage of staff;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to fill up the vacancies by recruiting more personnel in these departments;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these posts would be filled up?.

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Board of Excise & Customs has a sanctioned strength of 67,221 out of which only 57,684 are working, hence 9,537 posts are vacant as on 01.01.2007.

(c) to (e) The Union Cabinet has recently approved creation of 4,647 additional posts in various grades for Central Board of Excise & Customs. The process of filling up of the existing due vacancies and newly created posts in various grades has already been initiated as per the prescribed procedure.